

ATTENTION: BOX AF **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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METHOD OF INSPECTING A DNA CHIP AND AN

APPARATUS THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Confirmation No. 7028 Washington, D.C. 20231

21 April 2003

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action dated 20 November 2002. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee under Fee Code 1252. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.39147X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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